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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket No. 17-108, Restoring Internet Freedom

Dear Ms. Dortch:

It is important that the Commission move forward to reverse the Title II classification on broadband and vacate the 2015 Open Internet Order. In my submission of July 17, 2017 <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/107162501810028">https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/107162501810028</a>, I detailed the harms to consumers, innovation, and the economy of the 2015 policy.

Equally important for the FCC is to guard against misguided states which t states may try to leverage their public utilities commissions to impose net neutrality obligations in lieu of light-touch regulation on the national scale. Therefore, the FCC must ensure that its actions restore and protect a single, national regulatory framework for broadband.

Compared to the European Union, the United States had historically a clear division of responsibilities between federal and state (local) regulators in the in the development of and innovation in the telecommunications industry. Clear distinctions were made between matters best decided at a national level and those that could be delegated to local decision-makers. These distinctions have given way to a great deal of access, expansion, and innovation. The benefits of genuine regulatory harmonization in the United States should not be taken for granted.

Sincerely,

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